1	2	3
Gauhati	21759	159
Gujarat	74344	2914
Himachal Pradesh	12712	858
Jammu & Kashmir	41655*	575*
Karnataka	79429	619
Kerala	34330 (Main cases)	11
Madhya Pradesh	45552	1551
Madras	225636**	882**
Orissa	45767*	725
Patna	66857	3512
Punjab & Haryana	91769	1792
Rajasthan	70455	1719
Sikkim	45	..

*Indicate the pendency in the High Courts as on 30-6-1989.

**Indicate the pendency in the High Courts as on 31-12-88.

Financial asssistance to Cardamom Growers

319. SHRI R. T. GOPALAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to heavy rains and cyclone there was heavy loss of production of cardamom both in Tamil Nadu and Kerala;

(b) whether the Cardamom growers have sought any financial assistance to meet this heavy loss and whether Government have received any representation from them in this regard; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken to give sufficient financial assistance to the cardamom growers?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Ministry of Agriculture has released the amounts towards relief as per the norms laid down in this behalf. The Spices Board has also prepared and implemented certain schemes within its delegated powers for the benefit of the cardamom growers. In addition, the affected growers were given preference under the on-going schemes of the Board for replanting, soil conservation, and water-management.

Export of agricultural products

320. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what steps are being taken to increase the export of agricultural products;

(b) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up a separate Export Finance Corporation for agricultural products; and

(c) if so, what are the details there of ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU): (a) A Statement is attached.

(b) and (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

Steps being taken to increase the export of agricultural items from India include the following:

(1) Publicity through Indian Missions abroad;

(2) Participation in international exhibitions abroad by exporters of various agricultural items or their representatives;

(3) Efforts for removal/reduction of levies in India and in the importing countries in order to make Indian agricultural items more competitive in the world markets;

(4) Delegation of exporters to principal importing countries for establishing and maintaining contacts etc. with prominent importers abroad;

(5) Provision of export incentives such as REP import licence and CCS.

Cotton purchased by CCI

321. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what quantity of cotton was purchased by the Cotton Corporation of India in different States during the last five years; and

(b) how much quantity was exported; how much was supplied to N.T.C. and what was the profit and loss account on these operations?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) The details of Statewise purchase by CCI during the last five years are as under:—

State	Quantity purchased in bales during				
	1984-85	1985-86	1986-87	1987-88	1988-89
Punjab	94118	157422	169191	159774	143000
Haryana	64803	105262	164600	83387	65319
Rajasthan	88803	141347	161184	45591	51044
Gujarat	124729	496571	77143	28299	70020
Madhya Pradesh	116608	208574	135365	133909	88770
Karnataka	39098	100517	3203	9666	48310
Andhra Pradesh	109096	337665	108138	182107	74071
Tamil Nadu	31044	25992	4001	5698	10426
Others	402	282	448	..	342
TOTAL:	668693	1573632	823273	648431	580821